

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’
Committee on Physician Assistants
October 7, 2005**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’ Committee on Physician Assistants was held in the Cumberland Room located on the Ground Floor of the Cordell Hull State Office Building on October 7, 2005.

Members Present: Glen Alexander, PA; Anne Arney, Consumer Member;
William Blalock, PA; Jonathan White, PA; Janet Johnson, OPA and
Johnny Presley, PA

Staff Present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director, Robert J. Kraemer, Jr., Associate
General Counsel; LaTonya Shelton, Administrator, Marsha Arnold, Unit
Manager; Jerry Kosten, Rule Coordinator

Glen Alexander, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The Chairman determined that a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Election of Officers

Jonathan White, PA made a motion to nominate William Blalock, PA for Secretary. Janet Johnson, OPA seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Janet Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2005 meeting. Johnny Presley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director of the Medical Board, stated the financial report indicated a projected cumulative balance of \$169,112.50.

Disciplinary Report

The Committee reviewed the written report submitted by the disciplinary coordinator which indicated two licensees are being monitored and are in compliance.

Investigations Report

In the absence of Denise Moran, Director of the Bureau of Investigations, Rosemarie Otto informed the committee that there are twenty open complaints in the Bureau of Investigations

regarding physician assistants. Ms. Otto also informed the Committee that if they had any detailed questions that Mrs. Moran could be called to the meeting to answer any questions.

Manager's Report

Marsha Arnold reported on the activities that have transpired in the administrative office between July 1, 2005 and September 30, 2005 concerning Physician Assistants and thus are as follows:

37 new applications, 31 new licenses, 77 mailed out renewals and 1 licensure reinstatements. The actual processing time of renewals in our office is 7.7 days. The actual processing time for new applications in our office is 69 days. The number of active licensees as of September 30, 2005 is 778.

Ratification of New Licenses, Temporary Permits and Reinstatements

Jonathan White made a motion to ratify the new licenses, temporary permits, and retirements. Johnny Presley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tennessee Professional Assistant Program (TNPAP)

Mr. Mike Harkreader discussed the TNPAP report with the Committee. For the period of July 2005 through September 20, 2005 TNPAP had a total of three (3) participants referred from different sources. Mr. Harkreader also informed the Committee that one participant was discharged for non-compliance and has been turned over to Investigations.

OGC Report

Mr. Kraemer informed the Committee that the Disciplinary Rule (03-1318) went into effect November 22, 2004 and that the Volunteer Practice Rule (04-1546) went to rule making hearing on December 21, 2004. The amended Volunteer Practice Rule was adopted by this committee on January 7, 2005 and the Medical Board on January 18, 2005 and sent to the Attorney General on January 26, 2005 and is still there. The Criminal Background Checks (05-1025) rulemaking hearing was on March 18, 2005 and the amended rule was also adopted by the Committee on April 25, 2005 and the Medical Board on May 17, 2005 and sent to the Attorney General on May 23, 2005 and is still there. Mr. Kraemer also stated that there were six cases open in the Office of General Council pertaining to the Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants. Mr. Kraemer also stated that the 2005 Legislation Amendments (05-1325) went to rulemaking hearing on September 22, 2005 and after any responses and comments its ready for adoption at this meeting. John Williams, Lobbyist for Tennessee Academy of Physician Assistants disagreed with Mr. Kraemer on the Professional Limited Liability Corporation statutes.

Rule Action

The Committee conducted a roll call vote for the rule making hearing held on September 22, 2005 regarding (1) Advertising and use of titles (2) Authority to make determinations and pronouncements of death (3) Adoption of the Division Screening Panel Rules and (4) Prescription writing. After questions, answers and discussion, Jonathan White made a motion to adopt the rule. The motion was seconded by Johnny Presley. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee authorized a rule making hearing regarding Reconsiderations and Stays and Amendments to Professional Corporations and Limited Liability Company rules with the following amendments: which will allow Medical Doctors and Osteopathic Doctors and Medical Limited Liability Company right to hold shares with sole control by Medical Doctors and Osteopathic Doctors. Johnny Presley made a motion to accept the rule with the amendments and Jonathan White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

“Noteworthy” on the Internet.

Place a brochure of Kevin Wright, Executive Director of Technology Access Project on the internet.

The next scheduled meeting is January 13, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cumberland Room.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Approved this 13th day of January, 2006 by the Committee on Physician Assistants.

Secretary